

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-18 were rejected. With this Amendment, no claims were amended, added or cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-18 remain at issue.

I. Amendment to Specification

Applicant has amended the specification to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,636,249 (Rekimoto). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1 is directed to a link information display device for displaying link information transmitted by a link information transmitter, which includes video input means, receiving means, display position determining means, superimposing means, and display means. The video input means obtains a video signal of real space. The receiving means receives the link information comprising link content information and link position information. Link position information is virtual space position information. The display position determining means determines a display position of the link content information on the basis of the link position information. The superimposing means superimposes the link content information onto the video signal. The display means displays the superimposed video signal.

Rekimoto is directed to an information processing apparatus and method, an information processing system, and providing medium, with which information (such as image information,

text information and voice information) corresponding to situations (such as a position and an object) in the real world can be presented to users. (See col. 2, lines 25 - 31). In Rekimoto, the situation in the real world is a position in the real world, the specific information is position information of the real world, and the attached information transmitted from the transmitting unit is information that is related to the position in the real world. (See col. 4, lines 25-29). While Rekimoto does disclose the use of real world position information for a transmitter, receiver, and object, Rekimoto does not disclose or suggest use of link position information, which is virtual space position information. Therefore, Rekimoto does not disclose or suggest a receiving means for receiving the link information comprising link content information and link position information or display position determining means for determining a display position of the link content information on the basis of the link position information. Accordingly, claim 1 and claims 2-11, which depend from claim 1, are allowable over Rekimoto.

For reasons similar to those disclosed above with regard to claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 12 and claims 13-18, which depend from claim 12, are also allowable over Rekimoto. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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